

TITLE 39.—THE POSTAL SERVICE

Chapter 1.—POST OFFICES

§ 9. Rewards for detection of post-office burglars.
Repealed, Act May 14, 1935, c. 110, § 1, 49 Stat. 237; Act June 23, 1930, c. 725, § 1, 49 Stat. 1848.

Chapter 3.—ASSISTANT POSTMASTERS, AND CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES

§ 101. Messengers, watchmen, and laborers in first and second class post offices; grades; salaries; promotion; substitute watchmen, etc.; pay.

Whenever any substitute laborer, watchman, or messenger is appointed to a permanent position as laborer, watchman, or messenger, the substitute service performed by such laborer, watchman, or messenger shall be computed in determining the eligibility of such person for promotion to grade 2 on the basis of three hundred and six days of eight hours constituting a year's service. Effective at the beginning of the first quarter following August 27, 1935, all laborers, watchmen, and messengers who have not progressed to grade 2 shall be promoted to that grade, provided they have the necessary credit of three hundred and six days of eight hours each constituting a year's service. (As amended Aug. 27, 1935, c. 759, 49 Stat. 904.)
The amendment by the act of 1935, cited to the text, added the above paragraph to this section.

§ 116. Employees in motor-vehicle service; classification; salaries; grades; readjustment; promotion; pay of substitutes; hours of work of certain employees; overtime pay. Employees in the motor-vehicle service shall be classified as follows: Superintendents, \$2,400, \$2,600, \$2,800, \$3,000, \$3,400, \$3,600, \$3,800, and \$4,000 per annum: *Provided*, That at offices where the receipts are \$20,000,000 and up, the salaries shall be \$4,300 per annum; assistant superintendents, \$2,500, \$2,600, and \$2,800 per annum; chiefs of records, \$2,200, \$2,300, \$2,400, \$2,500, \$2,600, \$2,800 and \$3,000; chiefs of supplies, \$2,200, \$2,300 and \$2,400; chief dispatchers, \$2,300 and \$2,500; route supervisors, \$2,400, \$2,500, and \$2,600; dispatchers, \$2,100, \$2,200, and \$2,300; chief mechanics, \$2,400, \$2,500, \$2,600, \$2,800, and \$3,000; mechanics in charge, \$2,200, \$2,300, and \$2,400; and special mechanics, \$2,100, \$2,200, and \$2,300: *Provided*, That assistant superintendents shall not be authorized at offices where the salary of the superintendent is less than \$3,000 per annum * * *. (As amended Aug. 24, 1935, c. 643, 49 Stat. 795.)

Chapter 6.—MAIL MATTER

§ 246c. Collect-on-delivery parcels; return of undelivered parcels to sender; demurrage charges for delay in delivery. Under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, any collect-on-delivery parcel which the addressee fails to remove from the post office within twenty days from the first attempt to deliver or the first notice of arrival at the office of address may be returned to the sender charged with the return postage, whether or not such parcel bears any specified time limit for delivery; and a demurrage charge of not exceeding 5 cents per day may be collected when delivery has not been made to either the addressee or the sender until after the expiration of the prescribed period: *Provided*, That no demurrage shall be charged on collect-on-delivery parcels exchanged between post offices in continental United States and post offices in the Territories and Island possessions of the United States. (As amended Aug. 26, 1935, c. 695, 49 Stat. 867.)

Chapter 7.—POSTAGE

§ 280. Postage on first-class matter.

The temporary increase in postal rates made by section 1001 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932, referred to in note under this section in the Code, has been continued to July 1, 1937, by Res. June 28, 1935, c. 333, 49 Stat. 481.

Chapter 8.—THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE

§ 321. Matter relating to official business; official envelopes.

The last line of the note under this section in the Code should read: "See section 401 of Title 20."

Chapter 10.—REGISTERED MAIL

§ 382. Payment of limited indemnity claims by postmasters.

This section was erroneously numbered "§ 302" in the Code.

Chapter 11.—UNCLAIMED, DEAD, AND REQUEST LETTERS, AND UNCLAIMED PRINTED MATTER

§ 406. Return of undelivered letters. The Postmaster General may regulate the period during which undelivered letters and parcels of the first class shall remain in any post office and when they shall be returned to the dead-letter office; and he may make regulations for their return from the dead-letter office to the writers when they cannot be delivered to the parties addressed. When letters and parcels of the first class are returned from the dead-letter office to the writers, a fee of 5 cents shall be collected at the time of delivery, and in addition a charge shall be made of the minimum registry fee for the return of all ordinary dead letters containing \$1 or more in cash, and parcels of the first class apparently valued at \$1 or more, under such rules and regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe. (As amended June 7, 1935, c. 203, 49 Stat. 333.)

Chapter 13.—AIR MAIL

§ 469a. Contracts; base rate of pay; routes; schedules. (a) The Postmaster General is authorized to award contracts for the transportation of air mail by airplane between such points as he may designate, and for initial periods of not exceeding three years, to the lowest responsible bidders tendering sufficient guaranty for faithful performance in accordance with the terms of the advertisement at fixed rates per airplane-mile: *Provided*, That where the Postmaster General holds that a low bidder is not responsible or qualified under sections 463 and 469 to 469s of this title, such bidder shall have the right to appeal to the Comptroller General, who shall speedily determine the issue, and his decision shall be final: *Provided further*, That the base rate of pay which may be bid and accepted in awarding such contracts shall in no case exceed 33½ cents per airplane-mile for transporting a mail load not exceeding three hundred pounds. Payment for transportation shall be at the base rate fixed in the contract for the first three hundred pounds of mail or fraction thereof plus one-tenth of such base rate for each additional one hundred pounds of mail or fraction thereof, computed at the end of each calendar month on the basis of the average mail load carried per mile over the route during such month, except that in no case shall payment exceed 40 cents per airplane-mile.

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